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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, VS, KS, TW, ID

SUBJECT: LST LOAN

1. FOR SAIGON: THERE WAS DISCUSSION TODAY AT HIGH-LEVEL INTER-AGENCY MEETING OF IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL MEASURES THAT WE MIGHT TAKE TO AUGMENT GVN LOGISTIC CAPABILITY. DURING THE DISCUSSION, THE QUESTION WAS RAISED WHETHER THE GVN MIGHT REQUEST A NUMBER OF LST'S FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, OR POSSIBLY INDONESIA ON A LOAN BASIS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE COUNTRIES HAVE NUMEROUS SUCH CRAFT IN OPERATING CONDITION. THUS, IF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WERE WILLING TO LOAN THEM TO THE GVN AND THE GVN WAS WILLING TO REQUEST THEM, THEY COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR GVN USE FAR SOONER THAN THE SIX LST'S WE HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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2. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH GVN PROMPTLY AT SUITABLE

LEVEL TO SEE WHETHER THEY WISH TO FOLLOW UP YOUR SUGGESTION.  
IN DOING SO, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT, SINCE THE CRAFT ARE  
OF US ORIGIN, OUR STATUTES REQUIRE THAT WE NOTIFY THE CON-  
GRESS 15 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY TRANSFER. THIS WOULD BE  
QUICKEST WAY FOR THE GVN TO GET LST'S.

3. FOR OTHER ADDRESSEES: REQUEST YOU COMMENT ON FEASI-  
BILITY OF SUCH ACTION IN RESPONSE TO A GVN REQUEST. YOU  
SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT APPRAOCH HOST GOVERNMENT AT THIS  
TIME. INGERSOLL

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